

**REMARKS**

A. Claim Amendments

PCT claims 1-16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. This amendment adds claims 17-40 adapted to conventional US practice. Support for claims 17-40 can be found as follows:

Claims 17-24	-	Claims 1-8
Claims 25 and 26	-	Claim 9
Claims 27 and 28	-	Claim 10
Claim 29	-	Claim 11
Claims 30 and 31	-	Claim 12
Claims 32-35	-	Claims 13-16
Claim 36	-	Page 8, line 1 to page 9, line 9
Claim 37	-	Claims 3, 4 and page 8, lines 14-19
Claims 38-40	-	Page 9, lines 10-15.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

B. Conclusion

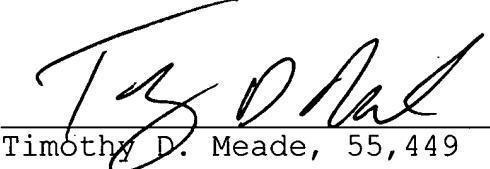
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are

hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account #  
02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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